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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Cosgrove, et al.  
SERIAL NO : 09/896,301  
FILED : June 29, 2001  
TITLE : PURIFIED PLANT EXPANSION PROTEINS AND DNA  
ENCODING SAME

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Grp./A.U. : 1652  
Examiner : SAIDHA, T.  
Docket No. : P004666US7

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 4, 2002, Applicants hereby elect with traverse to proceed with Group II-claims 14-16, 18 and 20.

Claims 10-21 are pending in this application. The Examiner has restricted the claims to two groups: Group I-claims 10-13, 17, 19, and 21, drawn to a polynucleotide [SEQ ID NO. 1] encoding a protein with expansin activity [SEQ ID NO. 2-7] and Group II-claims 14-16, 18 and 20, drawn to a method of identifying a nucleic acid encoding expansin protein by hybridization, etc. Applicants submit that no separate search is required to search the non-

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I hereby certify that this document and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being transmitted via facsimile to Technology Center 1600 (Art Unit 1652) 703-872-9306, Attn: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 3 day of October, 2002.

  
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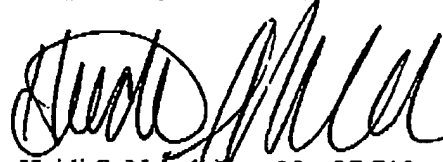
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elected groups as all claims are generally directed to a polynucleotide encoding expansin protein and can be reviewed in a single search. Reconsideration is requested.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this election; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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